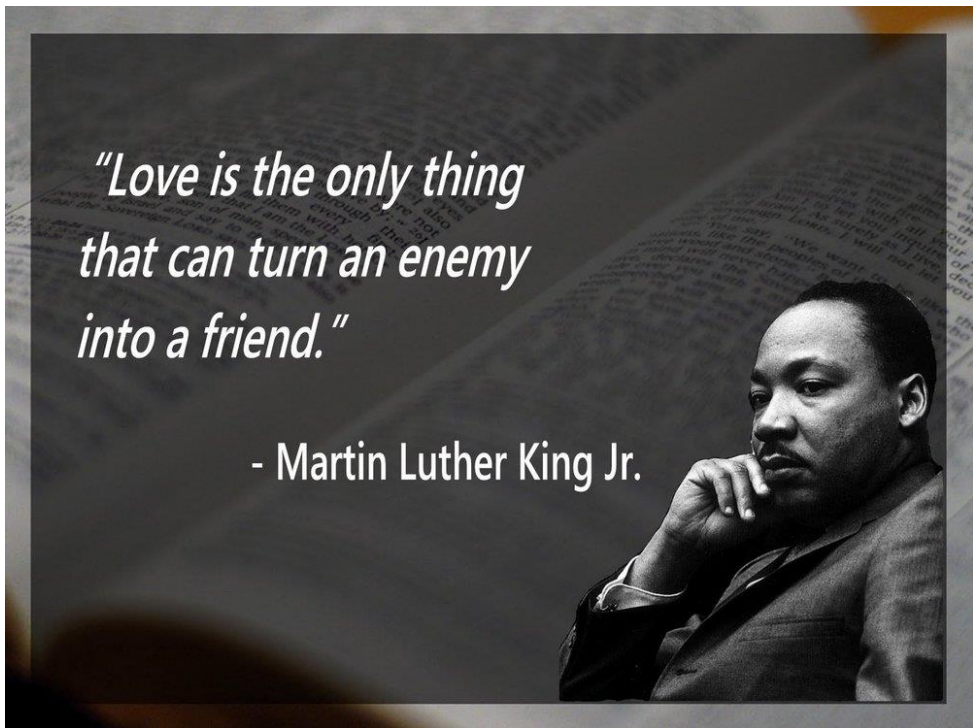


**St. John's Episcopal Church and School
& African Palms USA**

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



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Welcome! We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents. We have found a loving Christian community and hospitality here, and invite you to join us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, speak to Fr. Henry.



Children are welcome at all services.

Child care is available for infants and children through Pre-K
Sunday mornings 8:30 - 11:30am in room 106,
in the church undercroft.

Sunday School for children ages K to 5th grade
9am in room 109 in the undercroft

Adult Forum Sunday mornings at 9am
in the Parish Hall and the Meeting Room



Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship
in the Parish Hall following each worship service.

This Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by Altar Guild
March is hosted by Choir and Handbells

*First Aid kits are located in the sacristy,
and on the wall in the narthex behind the door into the nave.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Music: Ubi caritas et amor

Gerald Near

Hymn 391

Before the Lord's eternal throne

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Song of Isaiah, Hymn 679

Ray W. Urwin



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not

delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Anthem: When We Seek Language to Praise You, O God Carl Schalk

*When we seek language to praise you, O God, all we can utter seems stale, tame, or odd.
Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind.*

*Infinite intimate unbounded friend, cosmic companion who loves without end,
nearer than heartbeat, more subtle than breath, keener than insight, and stronger than death.*

*Steadfastly loving, you gave us your Word, living among us on earth, seen and heard,
teacher and healer whose promise came true, dying and rising to make all things new.*

Infinite intimate unbounded friend....

*To be our guardian, supporter, and guide, you sent your Spirit to stay by our side,
source of community, wellspring of prayer, power to strengthen, and courage to dare.*

Infinite intimate unbounded friend....

The St. John's Choir

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the

last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this:

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Congregation stands

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Olney, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **the Pruitt family, Kathleen, Susan, Kyle, Christie, Camille, Kristan, Chris, Ron, Mac, and Nancy**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of beloved John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the People are seated.

Offertory Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Celebrate The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

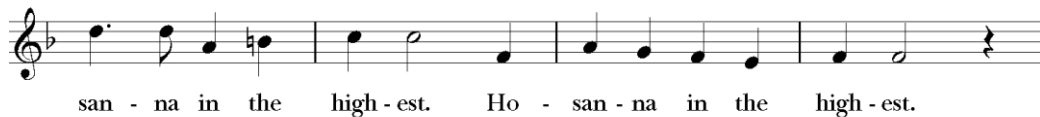
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

S - 125 Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may

worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung:

Fraction Anthem



A _ gift each day, our dai - ly bread re - veals your faith - ful love,
you keep your pil - grim peo - ple fed with man - na from a - bove.
You call us now as ser - vants, guests, as _ sis - ters, broth - ers, friends:
to _ gath - er and be rich - ly blessed with life that nev - er ends.

Eucharist is a gift and blessed mystery from God; all who are called by God to receive this sacrament are welcome at God's Table. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. GLUTEN FREE host is available; to indicate your desire for GF host, please present your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. For those who prefer to intinct the bread, a second smaller intinction chalice will be available. If you would like a blessing, please come forward, cross your arms in front of your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

Communion Hymn 602
345

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Minister and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn 446

Praise to the Holiest in the height

The Dismissal *all respond*

Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. Names remain on the list for four weeks. If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please let us know. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact The Rev. Henry P. McQueen at 717-203-4055 or email at rector@stjec.org.

Pruitt family

Kathleen Lawson

Susan

Kyle

Christie

Camille Burlingham

Kristan Boyland

Chris Prinz

Ron Blackburn

Mac Angell

Rev. Nancy Soukup



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFRICAN PALMS welcomes volunteers every Tuesday morning from 9am-11am.

Packing crosses, quality control, stuffing envelopes and fellowship. Join the Tuesday morning work session if you can.

MINDFUL YOGA WITH LORI - Please join us for a time of guided relaxation, gentle stretching, breathing and movement every Thursday evening at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. \$10 donation is suggested.

SPRING ARTIST'S FAIR - Calling all Artists and Crafter - St. John's Spring Artist's Fair is coming to St. John's on April 13th. For more information and for vendor application, please contact Johnna @ Johnnabenson@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6th 8:30am Chapel, 2:30pm Ashes-to-Go, 7:30pm Service

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER - March 13 through April 10, Join us after evening prayer for Soup, Bread and Fellowship

MONDAY MISSION SOCIETY - Monday Mission Society will have a Paint Night with Tammy Brown of Painting with Friends on Monday, March 11th at 7pm. The event is open to all and promises to be a great time. We are asking everyone bring a coffee mug to donate to the church for use on Sunday mornings. For more information and to reserve your space please contact Mary Ellis at 301-922-1064.

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MARCH 6th



- . 8:30am Chapel
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Items to be sold at event:

Spaces Requested (10' wide x 7' deep): _____

Fee \$35/space: _____

Table Fee (optional) \$20 each: _____

Enclosed Payment for the Total: _____

Special requests such as electrical outlets, wall positions or end of row will be assigned first come first serve.

I HEREBY AGREE TO AND WILL ABIDE BY THE CONTRACT REGULATIONS

PROVIDED TO ME BY ST. JOHN'S PARISH REGARDING THE SPRING ARTIST'S FAIR:

Signature of Artist: _____

Date: _____

Check Payable and Send To: St. John's Episcopal Church

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Aparna Williams 2021 – *Stewardship/Registrar*

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Doug Perkins 2022 – *Evangelism*

Bruce Hohl 2022 – *Worship*

Julia Metcalf 2022 – *Pastoral Care*

SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM & 10AM & 7PM Taize
Sunday School @ 9AM